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1. [REDACTED] prisoners accompanied by 40 jailers were sent by train from Sinuiju (Shingishu) (124-24, 40-06) to a mine in Kaechon (Kaisen) (125-58, 39-40) where they will be used as laborers. The prisoners were all from the Sinuiju jail and were serving sentences under two years in length.

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2. There is a large iron ore mine at Kaechon. [REDACTED] Note: See Janis 75, Chapter IX, figure IX-49.

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3. The farmers in the Yongampo (Ryugampo) (124-22, 39-56) area are forced to pay high taxes in farm produce and to sell many of their products at a low, fixed price. Each village in the Yongampo area is forced to give one pig, thirty to forty chickens, one hundred eggs and one cow to the Soviet military officials each month.

4. The factory workers in Northwest Korea are dissatisfied, because there is very little work for them. Factories have either closed down completely or are not in full operation.

5. Only two paper mills are operating in the Sinuiju (Shingishu) (124-24, 40-06) area. All other factories in this area have closed down.

6. Only one factory in Yongampo is in operation. It produces from five to seven tons of lead monthly. The lead is sent to the Soviet military forces in Pyongyang (Haejo) (125-44, 39-01).

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